



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1198: REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE COMMISSION

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill creates the Regional Planning Roundtable Commission in the Department of Local Affairs to assist local governments with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required for DOLA to spend any gifts, grants, and donations received.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact ¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$83,195	\$85,027
State Expenditures	\$83,195	\$85,027
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE

¹ Costs in FY 2025-26 must be paid using gifts, grants, and donations received by DOLA for the bill to be implemented. Fund sources are shown below.

**Table 1A
State Revenue**

Fund Source¹	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds (Gifts, Grants, and Donations)	\$83,195	\$85,027
Total Revenue	\$83,195	\$85,027

¹ At least \$83,195 must be received for the Regional Planning Roundtable Commission to begin meeting. In future years, while the General Assembly may appropriate from the General Fund, the fiscal note assumes the commission will continue to be supported through gifts, grants, and donations. The timing of any funds received is not known, and is shown in FY 2025-26 for informational purposes.

**Table 1B
State Expenditures¹**

Fund Source	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Cash Funds (Gifts, Grants, and Donations)	\$66,553	\$66,536
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$16,642	\$18,491
Total Expenditures	\$83,195	\$85,027
Total FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE

¹ The fiscal note assumes gifts, grants, and donations will continue in future years. However, the General Assembly may choose to appropriate General Fund beginning in FY 2026-27.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the 21-member Regional Planning Roundtable Commission in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to assist local governments with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements. The commission consists of representatives from local governments, state agencies, and individuals with expertise in affordable housing, climate and environmental issues, and tourism. Members serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

The commission cannot begin meeting until it has received enough funding through gifts, grants, and donations, and must have its first meeting no later than December 31 of the year in which it receives sufficient funding. It must meet at least four times each year. In FY 2026-27 and ongoing years, the General Assembly may appropriate General Fund money to the commission. By December 31, 2027, and each year thereafter, the commission must report to the General Assembly on assistance the commission has provided to local governments.

State Revenue

The bill may increase state revenue from gifts, grants, and donations to the Department of Local Affairs. At least \$83,195 must be received for the commission to begin meeting in FY 2025-26. For informational purposes, the fiscal note indicates \$83,195 received in donations in FY 2025-26, but actual revenue and timing may vary. Gifts, grants, and donations are not subject to the state's TABOR revenue limit.

State Expenditures

Conditional upon the receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, and donations, the bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Local Affairs by about \$83,000 in FY 2025-26, and by about \$85,000 in FY 2026-27. These costs are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below. The bill also minimally affects workload in various other agencies.

For informational purposes, the fiscal note shows program costs if they were to begin in FY 2025-26; however, actual timing of expenditures may vary.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Department of Local Affairs

Cost Component	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
Personal Services	\$58,731	\$65,256
Operating Expenses	\$1,152	\$1,280
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	\$0
Centrally Appropriated Costs	\$16,642	\$18,491
Total Costs	\$83,195	\$85,027
Total FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE

Department of Local Affairs

The DOLA requires 1.0 FTE beginning in FY 2025-26 for a staff member to coordinate the formation of the commission, plan and facilitate commission meetings, act as a liaison between the commission and department staff, and prepare and finalize an annual report. Personal services include standard operating costs and capital outlay and are prorated to reflect an August 2025 start date.

Workload may increase for other staff in the DOLA to assist with commission activities and help prepare the annual report. Any additional workload can be accomplished with existing resources.

Governor's Office

Workload will minimally increase for the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to make the required appointment under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Agency Impacts

Workload will minimally increase for representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, the Colorado Energy Office, the Department of Agriculture, and the Colorado Department of Transportation to appoint board members, participate in the commission, and travel to commission meetings.

Centrally Appropriated Costs

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, leased space, and indirect cost assessments, are shown in the expenditure table(s) above.

Local Government

The bill may increase workload and expenditures for any local government with staff serving on the commission. Local governments may also choose to collaborate with the commission on revising planning frameworks or accessing state and federal resources and technical assistance for complying with planning requirements.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 3, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed, except that portions of the bill relating to the implementation of the Regional Planning Roundtable Commission take effect upon notice to the Revisor of Statutes that sufficient gifts, grants, and donations have been received.

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office	Local Affairs
Governor	Natural Resources
Governor's Office	Public Health and Environment
Counties	Transportation